
OCCUPATION STOCK CROSSING SITE

Location

650 SUMMERHILL ROAD AND 50 KINLOCH COURT CRAIGIEBURN, HUME CITY

Municipality

HUME CITY

Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H7822-0731

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - March 30, 2010

Data has been updated as a result of the Outer Western Metro Project, Context, March 2010.

Interpretation of Site	The site consists of a rectangular platform of basalt boulders to either side of the tracks, with a defined path to control stock crossing on the western side. The central section has been removed for the construction of a new standard gauge rail line and the installation of phone cables. The remaining portion may date to as early as 1872 and the construction of the original line, although it is likely that some renovation has since occurred.
Archaeological Significance	The site has limited potential for providing information beyond that which can be derived from the extant construction. Careful examination may demonstrate the construction method and the nature of any renovations.
Historical Significance	The site is of some significance through its relation to the late 19th century Victoria to NSW railway line, and as an illustration of the pastoral response to this development.

Other Names OCCUPATION CROSSING SITE,

Hermes Number 12977

Property
Number

History

The North East Railway, the first connecting Victoria and New South Wales, was constructed in sections over 1872-73 (Moloney 2003). It is likely that the extant occupation crossing appeared around this time, although it may have been upgraded or re-constructed in subsequent years. The need for a stock crossing reflects the largely agricultural function of the Craigieburn area in the late 19th century. The site demonstrates the impact of growing rail networks on pastoral Victoria.

This place/object may be included in the Victorian Heritage Register pursuant to the Heritage Act 2017. Check the Victorian Heritage Database, selecting 'Heritage Victoria' as the place source.

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